Temporary employees in Government of India Presses

1264. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Government of India Presses in the country;

(b) the number of workers working in these presses;

(c) the number of warkers who are temporary as on 28th February, 1990; and

(d) by when these workers are likely to be made permanent?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) 22 including the Government of India Forms Store and Outside Printing Branch at Calcutta.

(b) 13,241 as on 31.3.1989.

(c) and (d) Approximately 2,033 workers were temporary on 28.2.90. As per latest instructions, confirmation has been delinked from the availability of permanent vacancy in the grade and an official is to be confirmed only once in service in the entry grade. Instructions have been issued to all concerned to confirm the employees as soon as they become due in accordance with the prescribed procedure. It is not possible to indicate a date as it is a continuing process.

Provident Fund Arrears

1265. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) what was the sum due from various companies to workers provident fund account during the last three years;

(b) the names of defaulter companies along with the details of amount due from each of the companies; and

(c) the details of steps taken by Government so for the realisation of these dues and to punish the defaulters?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) The provident fund amount in arrears during the last three years were as under :—

(*Rupees in Crores*)

Year	Arrears	
	Exempted establishment	Unexempted establishment
1986-87 .	98.51	71.97
1987-88 .	111.43	78.74
1988-89 .	129.56	88.27

(b) A statement showing the names of the establishments both exempted and unexempted which were in arrears of rupees five lakhs and more as on 31st March, 1989 is attached. [*See* Appendix CLIII, Annexure No. 50].

(c) The EPF authorities are generally taking the following actions against the defaulting establishments for realisation of arrears of the provident fund dues:—

(i) Issue of recovery certificate under section 8 of EPF Act;

(ii) Launching of prosecutions under section 14 of the EPF Act;

(iii) Filling of complaints under section 406|409 IPC in cases of nonpaymet of employees' share of contribution deducted from their wages;

(iv) Levying of damages on belated payments under Section 14B of the EPF Act.

Impact of increase in the prices of land on House building Activities

1266. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to reply to Unstarred Question 502 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 16th March, 1990 and state:

(a) the average rate at which land has been acquired by the DDA;

(b) what is the impact on the house building activity particularly on the low income group and middle income group of the increase in the rate of lands to be sold to the Cooperative Group Housing Societies, by DDA; and

(c) what steps have been taken by Government to contain the rising prices of land in Delhi and other inputs to give an impetus to the Cooperative Housing Societies?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) : (a) Rs. 100/- per sq. mtr.

(b) and (c). DDA charges predetermined rate for allotment of land to Cooperative Group Housing Societies which is fixed from time to time on 'no profit no loss' basis. There is no evidence to indicate that this rate is so high as to inhibit Cooperative Group Housing Societies from seeking allotment of land from DDA.

Pantry Cars attached to Mail|Superfast Express Trains

1267. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of pantry cars attached to Mail|Superfast|Express trains zone-wise as on date;

(b) the total number of staff working in these cars; and

(c) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to attach pantry cars to some more Mail|Superfast| Express trains, if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES) : (a) The number of pantry cars attached to Mail|Express|Superfast trains are as under :

Railway	No. of Pantry Cars
Central	6
Eastern	14
Northern	23
North Eastern . .	11
Northeast Frontier . .	24
Southern	32
South Central . . .	5
South Eastern . . .	31
Western	27

(b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

(c) Yes, Sir. During this year.

Wholesale, consumer, working class price index

1268. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether there has been any downward trend in wholesale, consumer, working-class price index since December, 1989;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what are the causes for such trend?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : (a) There has been a downward trend in the All-India Consumer Price Index for industrial workers on base 1982-100 since December, 1989. However, there has not been any downward trend in the wholesale price index since December, 1989.

(b) From a level of 176 in November, 1989 the All-India Consumer Price Index